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Committee Offers Changes in Academic Regulations

by JANICE CONWAY

On February 3, the Ad-Hoc Committee in Academic Regulations and Advising will present its proposals for changes in academic regulations to the faculty and it could become a controversial. The proposals will then be open to questions and suggestions during that meeting. A final debate and voting will take place at the faculty meeting on March 3.

The Ad-Hoc Committee was established in November 1980 as a result of a recommendation from the committee on Degree Requirements. The committee consists of eight faculty members and three student members.

Since that time, the Committee has been busy reviewing and revising the entries in the Dictionary of Academic Regulations. To aid them in their proposals, the Committee welcomed suggestions from students and faculty members as well as the recommended changes from other College committees.

In their study, the Committee came to the conclusion that "academic regulations exist to help uphold the academic standards of the College while helping students to complete the academic program, and to maintain the dignity of each individual while helping the College as a whole to run smoothly." Therefore, the Committee tried to apply this purpose to every existing regulation and to every possible change.

Some of the proposed revisions pertain to the areas of class attendance, academic probation and suspension, final examinations, incompletes and delayed grades.

Academic Affairs Committee chairman Erin Devine and members of the Ad-Hoc Committee stressed that the proposed changes in academic regulations were an important development. Devine also pointed out the two proposals that will, in her opinion, be very controversial.

The first of these is the proposed change in attendance policy—a policy

that the committee had the most difficult time with, Devine said. Under this proposed revision, students with 100- and 200-level classes would be penalized for missing over 15 percent. The percentage would equal six class hours (six 50-minute class periods, four 75-minute class periods, two 150-minute class periods). If the student was to be absent for seven to eight hours, the final grade would be lowered one letter grade. Any absences in excess of nine hours would result in the student's forced withdrawal. The Committee on Instruction and Academic Affairs also contributed to the formation of this proposal.

According to the Ad-Hoc Committee, the revision was based on the fact that many students jeopardize their academic standing by cutting excessively in their first semesters here. In order for such a policy to be effective, they believed it must be enforced college-wide with the proposed penalties. This revision is supposed to emphasize the value of the

classroom environment. Therefore, it does not distinguish between excused and unexcused absences with the exception of special circumstances verified through consultation with the professor and the Academic Dean.

Currently, the College "expects" regular attendance, yet no set rules are imposed. The instructor "may" require a student whose absences exceed 25 percent to withdraw from the class.

Another controversial proposal concerns academic probation and suspension. This proposal is an adaptation of a proposal originally developed by the Academic Counseling and Guidance Committee. In this revision, probation would still be defined as a cumulative GPA below 2.0. However, the student would be required to make "satisfactory progress" toward a 2.0 cumulative GPA. A student who did not make acceptable improvement (as defined in the actual proposal) toward the average, would be suspended for one calendar

year—as opposed to the present two semesters which allow summer session to count.

After the suspension, it would be possible for the student to continue at MWC, but it would be contingent upon the Readmissions Board's approval. The Readmission Board—a new proposal by the Ad-Hoc Committee—would be comprised of faculty and administrators who would hear appeals to the suspension policies, and would approve/disapprove readmission contracts.

The committee considers this proposal to be a "genuine improvement." They contend that the long period of probation currently allowed hurts the student, making it difficult for them to consider a more appropriate college that would better meet their academic needs. At present, there is no "improvement" requirement for the student after initial probation. No student can be suspended until he completes four

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Eugene McCarthy to Speak on His Politics

by SARAH KOSAK

Eugene McCarthy, two-time presidential candidate and former senator from Minnesota, will speak at Mary Washington on Thursday, February 4, at 7:30 in Monroe 104. McCarthy will speak on his political experiences and read his poetry. Discussion and a small reception will follow the lecture.

The day before McCarthy speaks at MWC it is expected that he will announce his return to active politics by declaring himself a candidate for governor of Minnesota. He previously served in this capacity from 1959 to 1970, and served in the House of Representatives from 1949 until 1959.

His unsuccessful bid for president on the Democratic ticket in 1968 brought out many young liberals to work for "Clean Gene" McCarthy. He ran on an anti-Vietnam platform and served to bring to a climax the disappointment of many people in the progress and "moral correctness" of the war. He was also active in the protests against the Central Intelligence Agency.

McCarthy's appearance at MWC is sponsored by the Honorary Society for high scholastic achievement, Alpha Phi Sigma; and the Honorary Society for Social Sciences, Pi Gamma Mu.

Campus Police Keep Themselves Busy

An effort to keep the college community informed, THE BULLET will be printing a MWC log weekly, beginning next semester.

by MARY F. SMITH

Just shows you we were on the while you were away." This was Police Chief Pete Bishop's response when asked about police matters the students left campus for break up to January 19. During this period up to January 26, there were a total of 15 arrests and summons to appear in local court.

According to campus police, a 19-year-old former MWC student was arrested for shoplifting on January 7. The incident took place in a campus bookstore on that day at 3:30 in the afternoon. The case is pending a court decision. Three persons were charged with

Driving-while-Intoxicated, and three with Drunk-in-Public. According to police, these arrests were over break and did not involve MWC students.

On January 9, at 3:30 a.m., one person was charged with Drunk-in-Public and Possession of Marijuana. The accused was apprehended near Trench Hill residence hall, off of Hanover Street and taken to the Rappahannock Security Center.

Besides these arrests, police records also show: 2 reckless driving, 2 no Virginia inspection, 1 operating motor vehicle without license, 1 trespassing, 1 failure to stop at red light, and 1 improper registration.

Seventy calls were received from December 20 to January 26 requesting police assistance, 28 parking tickets were distributed, and ten calls were received for transportation to and from the Health Center.



Dancing the Night Away...

MWC's Fourth Annual Superdance was bigger and better than ever, boasting lots of dancers—and even more money raised for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The dancers kept their feet moving for 28 hours, and according to freshman Emmanuel Karras, enthusiasm never dimmed. Karras himself raised over \$90 for MDA.

The dancers, above, spent the long hours playing musical chairs and limbo, and enjoying a beach hour, punk hour, and pajama hour. Coach Meg Kintzing even showed up at 9 a.m. to lead an hour of exercise.



Paul Duke, right, a local sixth grader, was on hand to watch part of the Superdance happenings. Paul's mother is a MWC graduate.

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Campus Violence; Shouldn't We Know?

With the recent assault in Randolph Residence Hall, all eyes naturally turn to the security and safety of our residence halls and the campus in general. The beauty, age and peaceful tradition of our campus all combine to help us forget the outside world. This is a dangerous luxury we cannot always afford. We have just experienced a violent reminder that the outside world, of which we most definitely are a part, *does* exist. It does not always wish us well.

In the January 26 issue of THE BULLET, a letter to the editor appeared from the Campus Safety Committee. The letter contained some hints to improve safety conditions on the campus; **Do not walk alone—** there is a campus escort service. Use it. **Avoid deserted areas. Lock your doors day and night.** Be certain the door in your residence hall is closed and locked securely after you key in. **Do not assume everyone you meet can be trusted.** The college is making many attempts to improve safety conditions on campus. However, no amount of institutionalized safety measures can beat a little practical thinking on the part of each student.

One point should be mentioned about the recent attack. The students on this campus were not informed of the attack until the story appeared in *The Free Lance-Star* the next day. In the January 26 issue of THE BULLET there also appeared a letter from Nancy Kaiser calling attention to this fact. Women on the very floor on which the attack occurred did not know about the attack except by rumor.

In defense of the college, it should be pointed out that Director of Media Services Robert Hilldrup said in a letter to the editor on this very page, "The Free Lance-Star inquired about the incident by 8 a.m. and... we answered their inquiries promptly and candidly. A story on the incident appeared that afternoon." It is obvious that the college was not trying to keep the story from the students, but the college was not making a deliberate effort to inform the students, either.

Not all students read the local paper, but the students do have a right to know, for this incident had a direct impact on the personal safety of each student at this college. THE BULLET suggests that in the future the administration make a deliberate concerted effort to inform students of a matter as grave as an assault in a residence hall. This would make the students realize the immediacy of the problem, would promote safety and limit rumors and hearsay. THE BULLET makes this suggestion hoping this may improve safety on our campus. It is everyone's business.

SHANNON MCGURK

World Not Just In Black and White, There's Gray, Too

To the Editor:

In response to the "Intellectual Suicide Hits MWC" editorial by Shannon McGurk [BULLET, Jan. 26, 1982]. A commendation is in order for the ability to maintain such an objective point of view. We agree with the editorial, but wish to take the issue one step further: Right is right, wrong is wrong. There are no in-betweens, and once the sin is committed, you are damned to hell. Let us not comment merely on the academic side of cheating, but also cheating in general, cheating in life. From a crime as minute as eating an apple or a grape while browsing through a grocery store, to sneaking someone into a residence hall.

Do most people take into consideration that that stolen apple is a theft, and that one pleasurable night with your boyfriend or girlfriend must be paid for according to the by laws of the MWC Honor and Judicial Codes? These crimes also should not be ignored, and people should not turn their heads. By sitting idly by and watching, we are sanctioning this behavior and compromising our own integrity. Again, we agree, Mr. McGurk.

All violators should be prosecuted to the fullest extent, as previously stated: Right is right, wrong is wrong. There are no in-betweens, once the sin is committed, the sinner should be damned to hell. In fact, br-

ing back capital punishment. Crucifixion in Ball Circle held every Saturday. Drum the throat-slitters out! Perhaps display the sinners publicly three days prior to the crucifixion so that all their classmates can jeer and laugh at them.

But of course the friends of these violators, will not be permitted to partake in any of the festivities. They should be punished also. Because, by standing idly by, in essence, these so-called "friends" have committed the greater crime. Shave their heads and have them wear the Scarlet Letter on their breast where they used to wear an alligator.

Mr. McGurk, your point is not to put down the Honor System at MWC. It is agreed that the system is a necessary and integral part of life on this campus. We merely wish to state that it is imperative that you take time out to get beyond the front cover and those first few pages of the book—that you not miss the movie because of the critic's nasty review—and for everyone's sake take a look at the circumstances involved. Right is not always right and wrong is not always completely wrong. The world is not done in black and white only. You cannot omit the grey.

Signed,
Chris Scott
Kerry Fisher

Comfort vs. Security at Keg Party

To the Editor:

There are very few activities at Mary Washington College for students to enjoy. Therefore, the few that are should be run efficiently and cater to the needs of the students.

After attending last Saturday night's keg party, Jan. 23, we witnessed the inadequacies and the inabilities of those students who have patronized the cause. After tolerating an unusually smaller line to enter the keg party, we entered a smoke-filled oven in which, if you had danced more than two dances consecutively you had to resort to leaving the keg party to get a breath of fresh air in the sub-zero temperatures outside of Seacobeck basement—that is, after you get the person standing at the door to hold your beer only to return to find it spilled on the floor.

Due to the nature in which the beer is distributed, it is only a natural tendency for students to get more beer in a single trip than they need, thus causing spillage and un-

necessary waste of beer. The floor covering, being smooth and slick when wet instead of a sensible rubber covering, is very hazardous to students dancing or simply shuffling through the overcrowded room which has been termed an adequate facility for holding such events.

Aside from the slick floors in the all-too-small room, there is no vestige of ventilation whatsoever. Windows are tightly shut and locked. The body heat of the more than four hundred dancing people causes an unhealthy and unbreatheable atmosphere. We understand, of course, it is the security guard's job to prevent people from sneaking into the keg party without paying. The windows, however, must be opened to properly ventilate the room. Last Saturday night, an incident occurred which compelled us to write this letter.

After dancing for a few minutes we opened a window to let in some air to cool off. Upon doing this, the window was promptly slammed shut by

a hired security guard, who the violently snatched us by the arm and pulled us to the exit door as we demanded our leaving the keg party. We refused to leave after having paid the admission price and danced for only a short while. Ignoring our explanation that we opened the window only to get some air, all he could say was "Get out!" Attempting to explain further, he finally pushed and pulled us physically out of the keg party through the back door.

We find this so typical of the attitude that is shown to students' functions. It is always, *always*, tape before the considerations of the students, in spite of the fact that the handbook sings about how the administration puts the students' interests first.

When will the students be treated with the trust the honor code implies?

Respectfully yours

Robert Allen
Michael Mulvaney

Twisted Image of Honesty Seen

To the Editor:

As an incoming freshman, I chose Mary Washington College not only for its widely acclaimed standard of academics, but also for its seemingly workable Honor System.

Originating from a family that highly respects honesty, I felt Mary Washington College could further along my appreciation of honesty. Instead I was shown another side of honesty—a side

I never knew existed before. I saw a twisted image of the concept of honesty.

When I first met my Honor Representative, I was informed that the students did not have to report a violation. It was soon after this meeting that the twisted image of honesty came through.

It seems that some students at Mary Washington feel they can overlook their friends' violations, and, of course, their own, too. These

same students feel it is their duty to report others that they either do not know or that it is a wonderful way to get people they do not like in trouble.

I would like to see a more workable Honor Code—one that is free of bias and, most importantly, totally honest. I do not know if there is any way this can happen, but someday hope my dream becomes a reality.

Laura Tre...

Media Information on Recent Assault

To the Editor:

I can appreciate Nancy Kaiser's concern for fast, accurate information when something such as the recent assault in Randolph takes place.

As to her concern for press releases, however, I should point out

that *The Free Lance-Star* inquired about the incident by 8 a.m. and that we answered their inquiries promptly and candidly. A story on the incident appeared that afternoon.

We received no further inquiries from any other media until the Bullet's representative called for a

story that, of course, was for an entire several days after the incident.

Very truly yours

Robert P. Hilldrup
Director of Media Services

Are We Our Brothers' Keeper?

by JOHN CHERRY

"The New Federalism." This was the theme of President Reagan's State of the Union address, delivered to Congress last Tuesday. Behind the slogan is a political philosophy which carried Reagan to the White House, and remains popular with many—at least those who support the welfare state with their federal taxes.

In a nutshell, the New Federalism means decreasing the role of the federal government in providing social services, in favor of granting more authority over them to local and state governments. According to the argument, this will eliminate many of the bureaucratic entanglements which inevitably follow from federal control of such programs as food stamps. Along with the effort at decentralization, a new emphasis will be placed on voluntarism and community spirit, to fill the vacuum of social service left by the federal cuts.

Decreasing federal services has brought Reagan much criticism from those dependent on the programs. He is depicted as cruel, insensitive, and even ignorant of the consequences of his politics. Why is he pursuing this course, and what are the facts which support his assertion that federal government is too big to efficiently administer these programs?

In 1964, before the Great Society programs of Lyndon Johnson

(medicare, Medicaid, and many others), the cost of federal welfare programs was \$8.8 billion—roughly 7% of all federal expenditures. Today, these programs cost ten times as much, and account for almost 13% of outlays.

A specific example of the growth of these programs is Welfare. In 1964, aid went to about 360,000 people at a cost of \$30 million. Much of this money is never given to the poor. It pays salaries of government employees who run the program, the expenses incurred in distributing the aid, et cetera. To reduce these operating expenses and make the programs more cost efficient, Reagan is proposing many of them to be given to the states, including food stamps. This will enable federal income taxes to be reduced, and hopefully more money invested in stocks, and other uses helpful to the economy.

What will happen to the programs once they fall under state control is now the controversial issue. One thing is clear, though: the money will have to come from somewhere. If not federal taxes, then state, sales, and real estate taxes, among others, will have to be raised to compensate.

Having greater discretion, state and local officials will naturally be tempted to scale down the programs. No politician enjoys calling for higher taxes, especially in those states and counties where the effects of poverty and need are not directly

apparent. What these candidates, officials and policymakers must ask, of their voters answer, is whether being people in need is worth the sacrifice of higher taxes. In short, they must ask themselves, "Are our brother's keeper?"

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Does Hitler's Mistress Live on Your Street?

by DARYL LEASE

Damn this jukebox.
You there, reading the Vonnegut
novel with your finger.

Over here, by this thieving
minstrel, I need your help.

There's a group of madmen around
here making a surrealistic movie,
and it appears I've been given a bit
part by mistake. I really can't act,
and I want out. Allow me to
explain...

Psychosis first took its spineless
stand a few months ago when I
awoke one morning to find in my liv-
ing room a stack of tabloid
newspapers, those bastions of
perverse journalism that herald
every new miracle drug, alien visit,
and marital feud. Sort of a *Rolling
Stone* on Valium. Not quite up to fac-
ing Jane Pauley and her spirited
cohorts on the "Today" show, I
pushed aside Pandora and opened
the rag at the top of the pile.

I couldn't believe what I beheld on

page one. In California, the land
where anything can happen—
including Ronald Reagan—some guy
has just changed his name to God.
Uh-huh, as in thou shalt have no
other.

Well, hey, whatever gets you
through the night. It upset me,
though, to learn this guy's a writer.
What he writes I don't know—I
suspect movie scripts—but he says
the written word is the original
God's greatest gift. And the newest
God believes he possesses that gift.

Take it from me, get out of the way
of people who think they can write.
They're mad. Imagine Don Quixote
on acid and I think you'll get the pic-
ture.

The photo that accompanied the
article made me tremor. A, uh,
sinister looking guy, this God. And
he was vaguely familiar, as if I'd
seen him pattering around the
garden or something.

I thought no more of it for the next

few weeks. Then one day I succumb-
ed to the temptation again. You see,
one of the tabloids has a fiery colum-
nist who makes William F. Buckley,
Jr. look like a harmless guy with a
funny accent. His name is—get this—
Ed Anger. Subtlety dies a violent
death.

It turned out Anger's diatribe that
week was against these friggin'
foreigners who refuse to speak
English. En route to Anger, though,
I stumbled upon an interesting article
that sent my head swimming.
The headline read: Does Hitler's
Mistress Live On Your Street?

The bitch. There goes the
neighborhood.

A few days ago I finally pieced
together this whole wretched affair.
A theory has been proposed in a new
book that Jesus staged His crucifixion,
survived, married Mary
Magdelene, who bore Him a child
and moved to the South of France.
Or something like that. The authors

of the book say there's a secret society
in Europe that's intent on placing
Christ's descendants in power. One
of the authors, incidentally, is a
movie producer.

Now I live in constant fear. This
morning when I stepped outside my
door to get the newspaper—a real
one—I saw something I'd rather
forget. I know now where I've seen
God before. The writer, that is, not
the diety. He's shacking up with Eva
Braun down the block.

Who'd have thought? They seem-
ed to be such a nice couple, with a
nice, wholesome hobby like home
video. And now this. I just don't
understand.

I don't know if they have any
children yet, but I'll be damned if I'll
let them use my anger. These peo-
ple have got to be stopped. I don't
care if it is only a movie, these
religious epics can get out of hand.

Task Force of 100 to
Open Communication

by JOHN MCCARTHY

In an effort to better the lines of
communication between the ad-
ministration and the student body,
Dean of Students Suzanne Gordon
has revived the Task Force of 100
and the Dean's Advisory Board.

Both of these groups are com-
posed of a random sampling of students
from each class who are asked if they
would like to participate. These
students meet regularly with Gordon
to discuss problems, questions
and complaints concerning the col-
lege community.

The Advisory Board, which meets
with Gordon twice a month, draws
up a list of problems to present to
the Task Force. The Task Force is
designed to solve these problems.
The Task Force must often work in
committees, since these problems
range from housing to registration,
to the dining hall.

Counted Cross Stitch, Anyone? Everyone?

by CYNTHIA WILKINSON

Counted cross stitch is the fastest
growing and most popular needle
craft in America today, and
Fredericksburg, MWC included, is
not exempt from the allure of this
centuries-old craft.

To the uninitiated, the maze of

early samplers, many of which can
be seen in museums today as ex-
amples of Early American folk art.

Bohlen said that while cross stitch
was extremely prevalent in the 18th
century, "It's only in the past few
or eight years that it has seen a
rebirth and gained popularity."

Greenbrier Shopping Mall, has been
open for a year and a half. Oneida
Stephens and her partner Janet Cain
run the store.

Stephens said that there has
definitely been an increase in de-
mand for counted cross stitch,
especially since it is now possible to

greater demand for cross stitch than
for needlepoint. While Knit Nook
does not have formal classes, "if so-
meone comes in who wants to learn
we will teach them," said Jordan.

Jordan, who has worked in the
shop since her junior year in high
school, has been cross stitching for
over five years.

Jordan reported that most of the
customers are women, although
older women tend to do more needle-
point than counted cross stitch. Jordan
said that some men do come in for
cross stitch supplies. "Men do better
needlework than women because their
stitches are more even," she said.

Knit Nook and Something Special
does not offer a discount to
students, but they have two large
sales each year. The shop, which
recently moved to a new location in
Lafayette Center, is owned and
managed by Elizabeth Sheffield.

Sandra Sullivan, a Fredericksburg
resident, designs counted cross
stitch leaflets and books, which are
marketed under the name
"Homespun Elegance." Currently,
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Sullivan began graphing her own
designs soon after she began cross
stitching two years ago. She explained
how it began: "I had a porcelain
duck I thought would look neat in
some kind of needlework. Someone

at one of the area shops suggested
counted cross stitch, and I did it."
This original design led to a leaflet
on ducks.

"I had a lot to learn and made lots
of mistakes," said Sullivan of her
business. "It's not all play," she ad-
ded, mentioning the bookkeeping
and paperwork that keep her busy.

Sullivan now has five distributors
in this country and one outside the
U.S. She has two sales representa-
tives, attends shows herself and
has recently turned one of her
designs into stationery. "That's
sort of exciting," she said. "It's go-
ing to be interesting."

Sullivan's advice to beginners is
not to try anything too big right
away. "People get discouraged," she
said, but "there's nothing that's
really difficult."

Kiki Connerton, an MWC junior
from Virginia Beach, is typical of
many students who do cross stitch.
She began cross stitch last summer.
"I was working, but most of my
friends had moved away or weren't
there," she explained. "I wanted
something to do."

Connerton's mother is an avid
cross stitcher, and suggested that
her daughter learn the craft. "Just
seeing my mom's stuff got me
started," said Connerton.

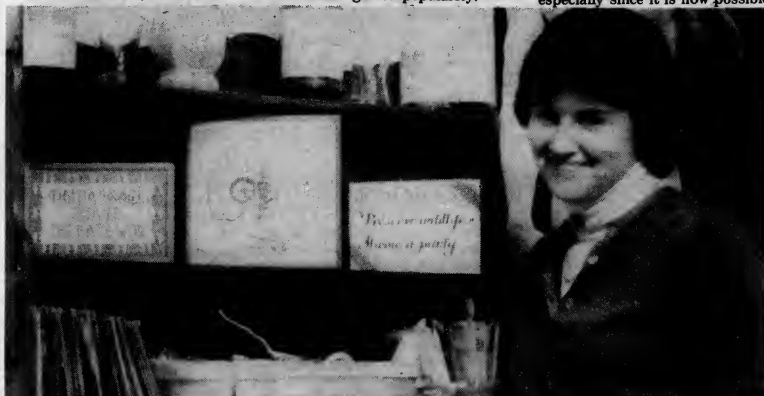
"I wanted to make something for
everybody over Christmas," she
said, "but I just didn't have time."
Connerton assembled kits for her
friends instead, with graphs,
materials and floss.

Connerton spoke of her current
project saying, "I don't know what
I'll do with it—I just have to be work-
ing on something."

"It isn't hard at all," said Con-
nerton of her hobby. Connerton
lamented that she does not have
much time to devote to cross stitch
during school: "Everyone does it
during soap operas. That's the only
time I can justify it!"

Counted cross stitch is an ex-
cellent gift idea, providing relatively
inexpensive gifts that are personal
and can be individualized—providing
one has the time to invest.

Counted cross stitch demands pa-
tience, concentration, and careful at-
tention to detail. But once
mastered, the craft can provide
relaxation and enjoyment for a
lifetime. As Stephenson puts it,
"If you're not hooked on counted
cross stitch, you will be!"



Cross stitch projects grace a bookshelf in Kiki Connerton's room. Connerton is one of many MWC students who has been hit by the cross stitch craze.

tiny crosses found in counted cross
stitch may seem incredibly complex,
but appearances are deceiving. Counted
cross stitch has only two basic
stitches, the cross stitch and the
back stitch, and according to
Mary Jane Bohlen, "You can learn
cross stitch in 30 seconds if you
don't ask questions, in 60 if you do.
It's just a matter of buying a book
and the material," she said.

Bohlen noted that the initial in-
vestment for cross stitch materials
is "not as high as in other types of
needlework. It's an inexpensive
type of needlework once you ac-
cumulate thread," she explained.

Bohlen, along with Betty Liddle,
runs Needle Artisans at
Fredericksburg, one of several area
needlework shops.

According to Bohlen, counted
cross stitch is among the oldest
types of needlework. Bohlen
remarked that counted cross stitch
is usually the folk embroidery of a
country, and mentioned its origins in
Russia, Yugoslavia, Greece, the
Scandinavian countries and Western
Europe.

The art was brought to this coun-
try by immigrants, and was used on

Needle Artisans, which is located
on Caroline Street, will offer a two-
hour beginning class March 16.

Bohlen teaches a class of sixth to
eighth grade boys at Montford
Academy, a private school in the city.
The boys "do nicer work than the
girls," said Bohlen, "once you con-
vince them it's not so sissy stuff."

Bohlen reported an increase in
students coming in, "more this year
than last." She characterized her
customers as mostly women, prob-
ably averaging 30 years old. Bohlen
also said that a surprising number of
men come in.

Needle Artisans offers more than
just cross stitch supplies—they give
MWC students a 10 percent dis-
count. The shop also has supplies for
"anything done with a threaded needle,"
said Bohlen, although counted
cross stitch makes up about 80 per-
cent of the business.

"It used to be that needlepoint
was the big thing," she said, "but
not anymore. All over the country
counted cross stitch has made big
waves. Counted cross stitch is
number one as far as the needle arts
go," she said.

Crafts 'N Stitchery, located in the

cross stitch an endless array of ar-
ticles, including key chains, belts,
aprons and paper weights. "They are
putting it on everything," she said.

Crafts 'N Stitchery holds classes
when there is enough demand for
them. "Many women want to be
shown," commented Stephens, ex-
plaining that she assists customers
when they come in to buy supplies
and have questions. Advanced
classes covering different fabrics are
also held periodically.

Stephens said that customers of
all ages come in, but there are "a lot
of college students." Stephens said
that men do come in, and added that
there are many graphs that would
appeal to men, such as books
specializing in wildlife. "It's not a
thing just for women," she said.

While Crafts 'N Stitchery does not
offer a student discount, they do
give a complimentary graph with
purchases. The graph is usually
seasonal, like the current one, which
is for Valentine's Day.

Knit Nook and Something Special
also offers counted cross stitch
materials. According to Lisa Jordan,
an MWC freshman who works
part time in the store, there is a

Student Lobby Working In Richmond

by SARAH KOSAK

As the Virginia General Assembly starts its 1982 session, one student at Mary Washington enters a new phase of his job. That student is Dan Steen, the current SA Whip, and his new role is that of student lobbyist in Richmond.

There are two main "causes" that bring Steen to Richmond: first, the "Student on the Board of Visitors" bill, and second, the mandatory requirement of smoke detectors in all state-supported schools. The smoke detector law would have little effect

on MWC, where detectors are already installed in residence halls, so Steen is concentrating his efforts on the BOV bill.

As student lobbyist, it is Steen's job, as well as the Student Lobbying Committee's, to talk to the legislators, get out mass mailings, and rally as many people as possible behind the bill. This year's sponsor of the student-on-the-BOV bill is Delegate George Grayson. Steen describes him as, "very easy to work with and a big help." 1982 will make the fourth year the bill has been in-

troduced, and all four years it has failed to be voted out of its committee.

This year, however, Steen thinks the Virginia Association of Student Association's [VASA] state-wide campaign effort may help change some votes and make the student lobby effort more effective. The proposed legislation is expected to be sent to the Assembly's Education Committee, where intensive lobbying "just might make the difference."

After working with the legislation

the past two weeks, Steen feels "there is no reason this bill should not pass." The major objections raised seem to concern the fear that students would have a conflict-of-interest problem by serving on what is essentially a lay position.

The SA Whip also pointed to a survey showing 32 states in the nation that had students serving in various capacities on college and university BOV's. And like these other states, Steen feels Virginia can also come to a workable solution.

Mortar Board Considerations In the Hat

by MARTHA DE SILVA

It is that time again.

Juniors and faculty alike have received a listing of eligible students who qualify for consideration of membership into Mortar Board, senior honor society which recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in the areas of scholarship, leadership, and service.

Those who are being considered are juniors with a 3.0 average or better and their selection is based upon the recommendations and votes of fellow classmates, professors, and administrators. In addition, those eligible individuals have the opportunity to state their reasons for desiring election into Mortar Board by means of an activity sheet when they are required to list their activities for the past three years as well as answering a specific question on their most significant contribution to Mary Washington.

Begun as the Cap and Gown Society in the year 1943-44, Mortar Board achieved its current chapter status in the early 1950's. Mortar Board is not only known for its commitment to academic excellence, but also to campus and community service. Therefore, those individuals selected have been done so through a long and exhaustive process.

On Thursday, February 4, the current members of Mortar Board will be holding a reception for those eligible juniors as a first step in the course of the election. Next year's membership will be decided by the senior members of Mortar Board.

Students, faculty, and administrators are encouraged to submit their recommendations by the February 14th deadline. Students selected will be tapped according to the traditional manner at the Presentation on March 25.

Major Circus Scheduled for February 22 in Seacobeck

by BARBARA ECKLER

Academic Services will soon be presenting the "Major Circus," to get out that "necessary" information to undeclared majors. The Circus will take place on February 22 from 6 pm to 8 pm in Seacobeck Basement.

The purpose of the Major Circus is to assist freshmen and sophomores who are still undecided about the focus of their studies, and is being scheduled this time of the academic year because most sophomores are ready to declare their majors. At the present, departments are working on their contributions to the Circus. Professors and department representatives will be on hand that night to answer any questions students may have.

Academic Services will be sponsoring the Major Circus, with assistance from the Academic Affairs Committee. The layout for the Circus will be similar to that of the

Course Selection Advising Program, that undeclared students went through last semester, with all 15 departments represented. Tables from Academic Services and its related offices will also be represented. Academic Services will have information about careers, internships, academic advising, and counseling.

Roy B. Weinstock, Associate Dean for Academic Services, explained, "The primary purpose (of the Major Circus) is to give the departments an opportunity to explain their majors and programs to relatively new students who are looking to see what is available and what they can major in."

The two people from the Office of Academic Services who are primarily responsible for the Major Circus are Linda Hofstetter, Academic Counselor, and Amy Hale, Assistant Dean for Academic and Career Ad-

vising and Director of Internship Programs.

Displays will also have Major Declaration Cards on hand for students ready to declare majors that night. Weinstock expects the departments will have their own literature to distribute. He added the circus theme will be used to make the program enjoyable as well as informative.

Weinstock hopes this program will attract many undeclared majors who need the information. He also encourages students to declare their majors as soon as possible (after completing a minimum of 43 credit hours). Weinstock pointed out that being a declared major student holds special advantages, such as earlier registration and guidance from a selected faculty advisor-exempting students from going through the Course Selection Advising Program started last spring.

Forum in Planning

by SARAH KOSAK

Richmond will be the site of the Third Annual Student-Legislator Open Forum, to be held on March 26 and 27.

The conference is sponsored by the Virginia Association of Student Association (VASA), and is open to all students—both at MWC and other state colleges. The fee will be \$20 and includes a Friday night social.

The forum, held at the John Marshall Hotel, will be an excellent opportunity for students to meet with legislators from the state to discuss a variety of issues. Students will be given a chance to meet with their "home" delegate, as well as attending scheduled seminars. Those seminars include: "The Role of Students in State Decision-Making," "The State Commitment to Higher Education," "Funding of Higher Education," "The Rights of Minorities and Women," and, "Censorship of Student Publications."

Senate to Vote on Constitution Proposals

by KATHY LYNN KEY

The Student Association Senate resumed duties and held the first meeting of the semester on Tuesday, January 19.

Dan Steen, SA Whip, presented the Senate with a proposal for five constitutional revisions pertaining to the position which he currently holds. He stated the revisions as follows:

The Student Association Lobby Chairman shall:

A. be the chairman and chief

presiding officer of the SA Lobbying Committee and shall have the responsibility of reporting to the Student Association Executive Cabinet on all activities of the Student Association Lobbying Committee.

B. be the official Student Association contact to all local, state, and national organizations and legislative bodies for matters pertaining to lobby activities.

C. be the official representative of the SA to the Virginia Student Association.

D. appoint, with the concurrence of the incoming SA President, all SA Lobbying Committee Steering Committee voting members.

E. be responsible to the SA Executive Cabinet on designated matters of special concern.

The Senate will vote on these revisions at the next meeting to be held February 2. If Senate approves, they will be voted upon in the major student elections on February 24.

Tara Corrigan, senator from Russell Hall, asked Special Projects

Committee to investigate the procedure for refunding meal money to interns and student teachers. She suggested that this money be returned to these students before the end of the semester.

During last week's Senate meeting of January 26, Jeannie Pugh, Chairperson of Rules and Procedures Committee, announced the important dates for the upcoming student elections to be held during the last week of February. Workshops for all interested students will be held on February 10 and 11 in Lounge A, ACL at 6:00 pm. Nominations will be held during the last week of February.

On February 17 at 6:30 pm in Combs 100 will be the Buzz Session and on the following night at 6:00 pm in Monroe 104, candidates for the offices of SA President and Honor Council President will give their speeches. Preliminary voting will be February 22 in the Seacobeck Dome Room and the actual elections will be February 24 in Seacobeck basement.

Jan Deese, senator from Virginia Hall, suggested that Special Projects look into revising the present grading system to include pluses and minuses.

The Senate is trying out a new meeting time slot, 5:45 pm on Tuesday evenings to accommodate students with night classes.

Two new full-time employees have joined the library staff at MWC. They are Mark G. R. McManus, head cataloguer and Brenda D. Sloan, reader services librarian.

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New Transfer Appreciates Atmosphere and Academics

by JENNIFER SPORER
Jennifer Willis, a new sophomore at MWC, sits on her bed with a Burt Reynolds poster hanging behind her. Snapshots of family and friends decorating the walls candidly reflecting her impressions of the college.

Willis transferred to MWC this semester from Liberty Baptist College in Lynchburg, Virginia. Willis said, "I wanted to go to a Christian college. I really liked the school atmosphere, but they didn't have my room." Her roommate at Liberty Baptist, who lives in Lynchburg, brought her an MWC catalogue, and Willis decided to come to MWC to find her major—Political Science.

Willis' family lives in Fairfax, Virginia and she sighs the closeness of MWC to home as a plus. She says, "I wasn't too upset about leaving home. The Christian atmosphere adding, I knew I was going to have to go to a secular school eventually because I wanted to go on to graduate school. One goal in life is to go to Columbia University."

teachers I have now go right over my head. I think the standard of education is higher here. At Liberty I didn't have to read much, but if I'm going to keep up here I'll have to read. The teachers here are professional. They know their stuff."

Willis adds, "The (MWC) campus



Jennifer Willis

photo by David Spatz

is super friendly. I'm not really outgoing and that's what I was worried about." Willis says she has met many people and gotten a taste of MWC social life. "Social life?" she laughs. "No, it's okay. All I can do is compare it to Liberty. And I went home every weekend there."

Willis comments, as she shakes her head, "Things that I hear people here (at MWC) complain about...They don't know they've got it made. I can't wait until I stick around long enough to see why everyone wants to transfer out of here."

And what about the food? She gives an embarrassed laugh. "I think the food's good. I can always find something I like, but a lot of times I eat peanut butter and jelly."

The Go-Go's, The Police: Fan's Concert Impressions

by MARY ANN CROMLEY
Maturity degrees below freezing didn't stop hundreds of music lovers attending the Police/Go Go's concert at the Capital Center on Monday 18. Surprisingly, in the five minutes after my arrival, I met two other Mary Washington students, one barely recognizable in pink sun glasses, which matched the attire of many other fans. In dizziness overcame those people, climbing up the balcony to a seat, stared too long at the live wave of different colors. Reds and reds predominating, as British flag insignias, mini skirts and leopard skin coats.

The Go Go's played first, but because a relatively new, inexperienced, really unprofessional group, didn't extract much enthusiasm from the audience. In addition, their performance ended abruptly, with an anchor sounding something like "Rock Lobster" from 3:52's.

one who refused to move and was physically picked up and set outside the door.

After an hour long intermission of the building, the lights went out. The Police came on stage. Young people were holding their heads and everyone was on their feet. The three-man band played excitedly, evening out the diversity of their British rock from "Don't Stand So Close To Me" to mellow songs such as "Roxanne".

The Police, unlike the Go Go's, constantly involving the audience by asking for participation and flashing spot lights unexpectedly. Though there were three colors, the crowd was left in an unattractive state, not anxious to go home in the cold again. I, myself, was

Bookstore Battles Rising Costs

by JANICE CONWAY

Although it probably seemed the price of books and the lines to purchase them were the only thing to expand, Mrs. Carolyn Taylor, Bookstore manager, pointed out that the store had expanded many services to accommodate the students.

"This was one of the smoothest rush periods we've experienced," she said. In addition to the extended hours (8 am-8 pm the first week, 8 am-7 pm during drop-add week), Taylor attributed the improved service to the remodeling of the store. The greatest improvement was the installation of the four cash registers at one central location.

The Bookstore's chief purpose is not profit-oriented. Any profits from its sales are put into the college's Auxiliary Budget. These funds are then used for services and maintenance within the campus.

To combat rising costs, the Bookstore sold used books. The books were bought from students on campus late last semester by a representative hired by the Bookstore. Taylor estimated the representative bought close to 500 books for the store. Out of this 500, she said there are only about 24 that have not been sold. In addition, this representative bought back a variety of other books which were sent back to his company to be sold at colleges and universities where they are still used in courses. This service will continue to be offered each semester. Taylor said the system benefits more people. It gives money to those who sell the books while it saves money for the buyer of the used books, she explained.

Taylor pointed out several causes for the rising costs. First, many publishers are reducing the number of books they keep in print. Because of inventory, tax and warehouse procedures, companies are finding it much more expensive to continue publication. Secondly, she explained, there is an information explosion trend. This trend is especially true in the Math, Science and Computer Science fields where the book's information is often outdated before the books come off the presses.

Finally, freight costs are also rising, and the Bookstore, not the publisher, must pay these charges. To this date, the Bookstore does not

add this amount into its selling price of books. Taylor explained, "We will put this off as long as possible. I'll do everything in my power to sell the books as cheaply as possible."

She added, "Books are a good deal. After all, they are a major learning tool."

In order to assist students who either dropped a class or found used books after they had purchased books from the Bookstore, the refund policy was again put into effect. According to this policy:

Any textbooks can be exchanged or refunded during the drop-add period, provided that the book is in perfect condition—no writing or marks and is accompanied by a Bookstore cash register receipt.

After this period, a book may be returned only with-in five working days after a student has officially dropped a course, or if a member of the faculty notifies the Bookstore that an initially required book will not be used and the refund is re-

quested within the same semester as the purchase.

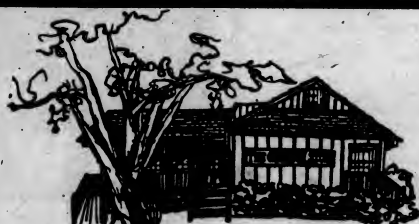
Taylor added, that the receipt is also required in order for the Bookstore to receive a cash refund from Richmond, since this is a state-supported school.

Taylor explained several reasons behind the shortage of some of this semester's books. Even though the orders are placed four to six weeks in advance, erroneous information on the order often attributes to incorrect book deliveries. In addition, professors' sections are sometimes changed causing them to re-order later in the semester. Sometimes the publishers are not printing at the time of the order. This semester, the Bookstore had some book orders lost in the mail. They were also required to send damaged book orders back to the publishers. In any case, Taylor said the staff is working toward ordering and receiving the needed copies as soon as possible.



When a new semester hits, students, like Steve Hirsch, tend to hit MWC's bookstore first. And as usual, the books are piled high, the lines long, and the final total more than was anticipated.

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semesters of work below the 2.0 cumulative requirement.

According to the committee's proposal, final exams will continue to be required except in those classes, which must be approved by the Academic Dean, that would not benefit from a final examination. However, the "instruction" alternative in finals is eliminated in the committee's proposal. In addition, distribution of take-home examinations would not be allowed prior to finals week. The Committee believes reading days should be used strictly for study purposes, not written examinations.

The incomplete grade procedure would also be changed. Under the revision, "only the Office of the

Academic Dean in consultation with the instructor could give permission for the 'I.' The instructor could not act alone.

The grading procedure would also expand to include a "Delayed grade" procedure to serve in cases where a student's work is being done off-campus—such as student teaching or internships. The student would receive a "G" grade on the basis of a contract. This grade, as opposed to the "I", would not affect the student's GPA and allow them to be eligible for the Dean's List. An "I" automatically dropped their eligibility, even though it would be temporary.

In an effort to receive all possible

output, the committee has held open meetings for both the faculty (January 22) and the students (January 27). Each meeting has generated questions and suggestions for the proposal. Some may result in further revisions.

Before the faculty vote on March 3, a final open meeting for faculty members will be held. It will take place on Friday, February 12 at 3:45 p.m., the location of this meeting will be announced.

Devine also encouraged all students who could not attend the student hearing to see her or one of the department representatives.

by Gina Hilleary

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Campus Judicial Court

Guy Friddell, the award-winning columnist of The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, will deliver the commencement address at Mary Washington College May 15.

A native of Atlanta, Friddell's work as a columnist and reporter has won numerous state and national awards, including one for his coverage of Russian Premier Khrushchev's visit to the U.S. in 1959.

Friddell, who also has worked for The Lynchburg News and The Richmond News Leader, is a graduate of the University of Richmond and the Columbia University School of Journalism. He is the author of several books, beginning with *Jackstraws* (1961), a collection of humorous columns, and including *What Is There About Virginia?* (1967); *We Began at Jamestown* (1968); *The Virginia Way* (1973) and, most recently, his highly praised interview and oral history, *Colgate Darden: Conversations with Guy Friddell* (1979), which recorded memories and anecdotes from the former Virginia governor and former president of the University of Virginia.

The Commencement is scheduled for 10:30 am, May 15, in Ball Circle. A crowd of about 4,000 is expected.

A black history and culture exhibit, "The Afro-American Experience," will be displayed in the ballroom of Lee Hall at MWC February 8 and 9.

The exhibit is from the Carlton A. Funn collection on the History and Culture of Minorities. A former public school teacher, Funn has put 26 years into establishing and expanding his collection.

"The Afro-American Experience" consists of 25 display panels and 40 table exhibits. It includes photographs, biographies, pamphlets, ethnic fact sheets, films,

educational quizzes, artifacts and audio-visual aids.

Exhibit hours are:

Monday, February 8-10 am-noon; 1 pm-4 pm; 6:30 pm-9:30 pm.

Tuesday, February 9-10 am-noon and 1 pm-4 pm.

Funn will also make two one-hour presentations that include the 28 minute film "Heritage in Black." The first presentation will be February 8 at 7:30 pm; the second on February 9 at 4 pm to be announced.

A reception for Funn will be held February 8 at 8:30 pm in the ballroom.

The Circle K Scrapbook Committee will meet Thursday, February 5 at 6 pm in Jefferson small parlor. At 7 pm, the Convention Committee will meet in Jefferson small parlor.

Circle K will sponsor a Wheelchair Marathon for Cerebral Palsy in Spotylvania Mall on Saturday, February 20 from 10 am to 9 pm. Everyone is welcome to ride, sponsor a wheelchair rider, or make donations. Call Beth Padgett at x4450.

Circle K will sell Valentine carnations at lunch and dinner in the Seacobeck Dome Room, February 1-6.

Join Circle K! The membership drive is going strong. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 4 at 6 pm in the ACL ballroom. Plans for second semester include Wheelchair Marathon (February 20), Circle K week (February 7-13) and hosting the Capital District Convention (March 12-14).

Students Define RAs

by ANN COLLIGAN
"What is an RA?" may seem, at first glance, to be a relatively straightforward question. However, anyone asked his or her own opinion of a Resident Assistant's job and of the performance of their RA.

The RA job is many-faceted and includes working with the Resident Coordinator as well as students in the residence hall. While it is obviously impossible to make everyone happy all the time, an RA is supposed to provide harmonious living conditions in a hall.

Several students were interviewed and asked questions pertaining to a RA's role in general and opinions about their own RA.

Generally, an RA was defined as "someone on the floor to help you." The RA should be "a coordinator of the members of the hall," stated one sophomore. "She should have a knowledge of what's going on in the dorm and plan activities on the hall," she continued.

One freshman interviewed had a more cynical view. A RA is "someone to help the Resident Coordinator, but wouldn't do it unless

they got paid," was his definition. Another freshman disagreed, saying that a RA should "be like a sister. Someone you could talk to."

This same freshman admitted, however, that she would not use her RA to discuss a personal problem. "I've asked for help with school-related problems," she complained. "But I wouldn't discuss personal problems." One of the sophomores interviewed agreed strongly. "I don't even know RA," she stated. "I saw her the day of school and know her by name but that's it. There's no way I'd discuss a problem with her."

A recently transferred freshman had different feelings about her RA. "She's great. I talk to her all the time. She's there and helps whenever she can." A junior admitted that although "I've never needed to talk to her, I know that she's there and I'd be perfectly willing to talk with a problem."

While the sampling of students was relatively small, the overall consensus was that the RA's duties met up to students' expectations.

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Gilmore Scores 31; Men Win In Overtime

by DAVE WARREN
Freshman Frank Gilmore scored 31 points and grabbed 21 rebounds to lead the men's basketball team to a 68-62 overtime victory over Frostburg State, January 30, in Rick Hall.
Gilmore hit on 13 of 18 free throw attempts, including several in the

final minutes of the game. The contest went into overtime after the Tide defense held the Bobcats' final stab, a missed jump shot with four seconds left.
Senior Tim Money scored 16 points, and freshman Tony Farris had nine points and nine rebounds. Five Frostburg State players foul-

ed out, as the Bobcats had 36 personal fouls compared to 16 for the Blue Tide. Lead by Gilmore and Farris, MWC outrebounded its taller opponents, 51-35. The win raised the Tide's record to 10-6.
The Tide is on the road tonight for a tough game against Roanoke College.

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Gilmore scored 21 points and had 18 rebounds as the Blue Tide scored a stunning upset victory over the highly ranked Generals.
Gilmore controlled the inside game despite the fact that he was playing

against a 6-10 center. Gilmore is 6-5. Everyone played in the game as 13 out of the 14 MWC players scored. Farris was the only other Tide player in double figures, with 14 points and seven rebounds.
Washington and Lee came into the game with an 11-4 record. The win boosted MWC's record to 9-6.

Women's Basketball Loses

by DAVE LYNCH
Frostburg State's Mary Carol won tapped in a basket with 0:32 remaining to ice a 56-51 victory last Friday night to end the Blue Tide streak at eight.
The game was close all the way as Washington held a 26-25 advantage at halftime, but Jackson headed the Bobcats surge in the second half as she scored 13 of team-high 15 points in the second half. The Tide was able to hold until the closing seconds with Long scoring 11 of her game-22 points in the second half.

For the winners, Erin Koogle had 13 points, and Billie Boddie added 11. Defensively, Boddie grabbed 15 rebounds and Jackson 14.
For MWC, Joanne Ciccone contributed 13 points. Long, along with offensive display, grabbed 13 rebounds, while Melanie Taylor and Ruth Bonner added 11.
Frostburg State, coming into the game ranked fifteenth in Division III's statistical report, climbs to 7-4, while Mary Washington drops to 8-3.

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Coach Connie Gallahan was able to empty her bench in the second half as MWC raced away from Randolph-Macon Women's College, January 29.
For the winners, Long was high scorer with 16 points, also adding nine rebounds.
Ciccone added 12 points and Sue Lehman contributed 10. Taylor grabbed 11 rebounds for the Blue Tide.
Marta Ruggles was the only player who was in double figures for RMWC, scoring a game-high 19 points. Ruggles and Martha Broecker were the top rebounders, grabbing 11 each.

McCormick and Dillow Take Firsts In Meet

by DAVE WARREN
Freshmen Shawn McCormick and Beth Dillow captured first place in their respective races to lead the Blue Tide indoor track team at the Essex Invitational meet, January 30.
McCormick coasted to an easy victory in the 880 yard run with a time of 2:06. Dillow took first in the woman's three-mile run in 19:37. Both athletes ran cross country in the fall.
Sophomore Terry Hudachek placed second in the 1000 meters with a 3:03 time. Hudachek was also part of

the mile relay team which set a new MWC record. Other members of the relay team were Chris Scott, Linda Morgan, and Carole Barker.
Freshman Terry Rose, a transfer student from Center College in Kentucky, placed in the top five in three events, including a fourth place finish in the high hurdles, and fifth place finishes in the high jump and 300 yard run.
"We didn't do well as a team," commented Coach Rick Wagenaar, "but I was pleased with some of the individual efforts."



Frostburg State's Joanne Ciccone (44) passes over Frostburg State's Mary Carol Bon (31). photo by DAVE SPATZ

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The Media Molds The Mind

SPORTS COLUMN
by DAVE WARREN
BULLET SPORTS EDITOR

"The media molds the mind." Whether you've heard that before or not, it's true. We rely on television, radio, and newspaper for the news of our community, nation, and world. However, it's not always easy to distinguish between fact and opinion. When it comes to finding out what sports personalities are like, the fan is at the mercy of the sports writer.

When Sugar Ray Leonard defended his welterweight title against Roberto Duran, it was the biggest sports story in the nation's for about three weeks. *The Washington Post* previewed the story extensively and spent many column inches painting a picture of the fight. The picture it painted was of an All-American hero

fighting a devil incarnate. Leonard, from the D.C. area was, of course, the angel in boxing gloves. It's not uncommon for a newspaper to push the hometown boy. However, it did everything but say that Duran breathed fire. What are readers supposed to think?

Many athletes refuse interviews with reporters. This isn't because they are shy. This is because papers have burned them—twisting quotes around, printing rumors, even fabricating comments. Reporter-athlete relationships are always touchy, and the readers are greatly affected by them. Joe Theisman is not one of the best quarterbacks in the NFL, nor did he have a superb year with the Redskins. However, newspapers and television make him out to be Washington's answer to

Mr. Goodwrench.

When reading sports, one must realize the difference between a column and a straight sports story. A column is a writer's interpretation of an event or one's view on a sports issue. A straight sports story is the account of an event with all comments and opinions in quotes. It sounds basic, but sometimes it's not easily distinguished. *The Post* does much of its sports coverage in the form of columns. The front page of the sports section is often mostly columns. It's important to realize this when reading.

When reading a sports story, watch for opinions that are not in quotes. Often you're reading a writer's viewpoints of a game. This is not always bad, but at least beware.



Jennifer Benner (20) is guarded closely by the Bobcats' Diane Wisniewski (45).

photo by DAVE SPATZ

SPORTS CALENDAR

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Feb. 2—at Roanoke, 8 p.m.

Feb. 4—at St. Mary's, 8 p.m.

Feb. 6—North Carolina Wesleyan, at MWC, 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Feb. 2—at Mary Baldwin, 7 p.m.

Feb. 3—Virginia Wesleyan, at MWC, 6 p.m.

Feb. 5—Virginia Intermont, at MWC, 6 p.m.

Feb. 6—at Harford Community College, 1 p.m.

Feb. 8—at Notre Dame of Maryland, 7 p.m.

SWIMMING

Feb. 3—at University of Richmond, 5 p.m.

Feb. 8—at Goucher, 7 p.m.

Swimmers Beat RMWC

by MARTHA NEWCOMB

Three Blue Tide swimmers captured first place finishes as the swim team defeated Randolph-Macon Women's College, 78-62, January 29. Sophomore Anne Cumming placed first in the 100 yard backstroke, the 200 yard individual medley, and the 200 yard freestyle. She set MWC records in the 100 and the 200 medley, and her time in the medley

qualifies her for the national Freshman Rebecca Barry had place finishes in the 100 and yard freestyle, and second place in the 200 free. Freshman Jennifer Lane took first in both the 100 and 200 free.

MWC also took a first place finish in the 200 free relay. The team consisted of Wendy Proctor, Lisa Featherstone, Cumming, and Barry.

Trouble with the MWC van delayed the meet to be delayed.

"The team was a little slow and tired, but they swam very well," commented Coach Doug Fonder.

MWC will be going for redemption tomorrow, as it travels to University of Richmond for a meet. The Blue Tide lost to a Spider team in an earlier meet this season.

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